

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of displaying calendar information comprising:
displaying a weekly view graphical image on a display screen, wherein said weekly view graphical image comprises days of the week and appointment icons therein;
visually highlighting appointment icons in response to user navigation input;
in response to a user selection of a first highlighted appointment icon, automatically displaying a preview window comprising details of said first highlighted appointment icon on said display screen, wherein said preview window is displayed simultaneously with said weekly view graphical image which remains user accessible while said preview window is open.
2. A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said user navigation input is obtained from a 5-way navigation tool.
3. A method as described in Claim 2 wherein said user selection is obtained from said 5-way navigation tool.

4. A method as described in Claim 3 wherein said 5-way navigation tool comprises a selection button and four cursor directional buttons.
5. A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said user input is obtained from tactile interaction with a digitizer of said display screen.
6. A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said display screen is switchable between a small display mode which is substantially square in shape and a tall display mode which is substantially rectangular in shape.
7. A method as described in Claim 1 further comprising, in response to a user navigation to a second highlighted appointment icon, automatically updating said preview window to display details of said second highlighted appointment icon on said display screen.
8. A method as described in Claim 1 further comprising removing said preview window in response to a user selection while said preview window is open.
9. A method as described in Claim 7 further comprising removing said preview window in response to a user selection while said preview window is open.

10. A method as described in Claim 4 wherein said visually highlighting comprises:

highlighting days of the week in response to left/right navigation; and

highlighting appointments within a highlighted day in response to up/down navigation.

11. A computer system comprising: memory coupled to a bus; a processor coupled to said bus; and a display screen coupled to said bus, wherein said memory comprises instructions for implementing a method of displaying calendar information, said method comprising:

displaying a weekly view graphical image on said display screen, wherein said weekly view graphical image comprises days of the week and appointment icons therein;

visually highlighting appointment icons in response to user navigation input;

in response to a user selection of a first highlighted appointment icon, automatically displaying a preview window comprising details of said first highlighted appointment icon on said display screen, wherein said preview window is displayed simultaneously with said weekly view graphical

image which remains user accessible while said preview window is open.

12. A computer system as described in Claim 11 further comprising a 5-way navigation tool for providing said user navigation input.

13. A computer system as described in Claim 12 wherein said 5-way navigation tool also provides said user selection.

14. A computer system as described in Claim 13 wherein said 5-way navigation tool comprises a selection button and four cursor directional buttons.

15. A computer system as described in Claim 11 wherein said display screen comprises a touch screen display and wherein said user input is obtained from tactile interaction with said touch screen display.

16. A computer system as described in Claim 11 wherein said display screen is switchable between a small display mode which is substantially square in shape and a tall display mode which is substantially rectangular in shape.

17. A computer system as described in Claim 11 wherein said method further comprises, in response to a user navigation to a second highlighted appointment icon, automatically updating said preview window to display details of said second highlighted appointment icon on said display screen.

18. A computer system as described in Claim 11 wherein said method further comprises removing said preview window in response to a user selection while said preview window is open.

19. A computer system as described in Claim 17 wherein said method further comprises removing said preview window in response to a user selection while said preview window is open.

20. A computer system as described in Claim 14 wherein said visually highlighting comprises:

highlighting days of the week in response to left/right navigation; and

highlighting appointments within a highlighted day in response to up/down navigation.

21. A computer system as described in Claim 11 wherein said display screen comprises a collapsible active input area for enlarging the effective area of said display screen.

22. A method of displaying calendar information comprising:
- displaying a monthly view graphical image on a display screen, wherein said monthly view graphical image comprises days of the month and appointment icons therein;
 - visually highlighting days in response to user navigation input;
 - in response to a user selection of a first highlighted day, automatically displaying a preview window comprising details of appointments said first highlighted day on said display screen, wherein said preview window is displayed simultaneously with said monthly view graphical image which remains user accessible while said preview window is open.
23. A method as described in Claim 22 wherein said user navigation input is obtained from a 5-way navigation tool.
24. A method as described in Claim 23 wherein said user selection is obtained from said 5-way navigation tool.
25. A method as described in Claim 24 wherein said 5-way navigation tool comprises a selection button and four cursor directional buttons.

26. A method as described in Claim 22 wherein said user input is obtained from tactile interaction with a digitizer of a said display screen.

27. A method as described in Claim 22 wherein said display screen is switchable between a small display mode which is substantially square in shape and a tall display mode which is substantially rectangular in shape.

28. A method as described in Claim 22 further comprising, in response to a user navigation to a second highlighted day, automatically updating said preview window to display details of appointments of said second highlighted day on said display screen.

29. A method as described in Claim 22 further comprising displaying a full day view of said first highlighted day in response to a user selection provided said preview window is already open.

30. A method as described in Claim 28 further comprising displaying a full day view of said second highlighted day in response to a user selection provided said preview window is already open.

31. A method as described in Claim 25 wherein said visually highlighting comprises:

highlighting days of the month across a common row in response to left/right navigation; and

highlighting days of the month across a common column within a highlighted day in response to up/down navigation.

32. A computer system comprising: memory coupled to a bus; a processor coupled to said bus; and a display screen coupled to said bus, wherein said memory comprises instructions for implementing a method of displaying calendar information, said method comprising:

displaying a monthly view graphical image on said display screen, wherein said monthly view graphical image comprises days of the month and appointment icons therein;

visually highlighting days in response to user navigation input;

in response to a user selection of a first highlighted day, automatically displaying a preview window comprising details of appointments said first highlighted day on said display screen, wherein said preview window is displayed simultaneously with said monthly view graphical image which remains user accessible while said preview window is open.

33. A computer system as described in Claim 32 further comprising a 5-way navigation tool and wherein said user navigation input is obtained from said 5-way navigation tool.

34. A computer system as described in Claim 33 wherein said user selection is obtained from said 5-way navigation tool.

35. A computer system as described in Claim 34 wherein said 5-way navigation tool comprises a selection button and four cursor directional buttons.

36. A computer system as described in Claim 32 wherein said user input is obtained from tactile interaction with a digitizer of said display screen.

37. A computer system as described in Claim 32 wherein said display screen is switchable between a small display mode which is substantially square in shape and a tall display mode which is substantially rectangular in shape.

38. A computer system as described in Claim 32 wherein said method further comprises, in response to a user navigation to a second highlighted day, automatically updating said preview window to display details of appointments of said second highlighted day on said display screen.

39. A computer system as described in Claim 32 wherein said method further comprises displaying a full day view of said first highlighted day in response to a user selection of said first highlighted day provided said preview window is already open.

40. A computer system as described in Claim 38 wherein said method further comprises displaying a full day view of said second highlighted day in response to a user selection of said second highlighted day provided said preview window is already open.

41. A computer system as described in Claim 35 wherein said visually highlighting comprises:

highlighting days of the month across a common row in response to left/right navigation; and

highlighting days of the month across a common column within a highlighted day in response to up/down navigation.